

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, July 21, 2014**
Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI

1) The meeting was officially called to order by Craig Dickman at 11:31 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Craig Dickman
Vice-President Tom Klimek
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Neil McKloskey

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Mark Rahmlow, Office of Congressman Reid Ribble

Excused: Commissioner John Hanitz
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Not Excused: Commissioner Greg Flisram

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – June 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2014 was made by Tom Klimek and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

5) 2014-15 Operating Plan – Request for Approval

The 2014-2015 Operating Plan is part of the 2010 Strategic Plan, which is redone every five

years. The intention of the *Operating Plan* is to keep revisiting the *Strategic Plan* to stay on track and is prepared in advance of each year's budget. There are four goal areas including Open Markets, Sustainable Economics, Expand Markets and Revenues, and Autonomous and World Class Operations. Each goal area has a brief description, strategic initiatives, prior year operating objectives and current year operating objectives.

A motion to approve the 2014-15 Operating Plan was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

6) 2015 Budget – Request for Approval

The department has put together a proposed budget over the past several weeks. The department meets August 4th with County Finance Department followed by an August 22nd meeting with the County Executive and a PD&T Committee meeting in September. The budget may change throughout the process and staff will report back any significant changes as the budget advances. The budget opens up with a memo. The 2015 Budget Overview covers both the Resource Recovery Area and the Port Area. Completing construction of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project and closure of Renard Island are two items under the Port Area. Next in the budget is the mission statement and program description with performance measures. A 5-year trend, policy initiatives summary, rates/fees, table of organization, salary summaries, budget allocations and statement of funds is also included in the budget packet. Staff identified the more significant changes from the 2014 compared to the 2015 budget.

A motion to advance the 2015 Budget to the PD&T Committee for approval was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Neil McKloskey. Unanimously approved.

7) Resolution Honorary Naming of the Westernmost Island of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project – Request for Approval

Neil McKloskey joined the Harbor Commission in 1989 and became President in 1998. At the beginning of Mr. McKloskey's service, the Port of Green Bay was experiencing declining cargo tonnage, deteriorating dock walls, reduced channel dimensions, reduced federal dredging dollars, and a lack of local placement locations for dredged material. Under Mr. McKloskey's 26 years of service, including 16 years as President of the Harbor Commission, an uncompensated community service position, the Port of Green Bay has improved its infrastructure, financial situation and public perception. As of today, there are 14 port related businesses, representing approximately \$819M in capital, with more than \$715M in operating budget and employing more than 4,000 employees along the waterfront. The Port Department in 1999 was merged into the current Port & Resource Recovery Department resulting in the removal of the Port from the tax levy in 2002. The Port subsequently became a self-sufficient Enterprise Fund by raising revenue through leases, tipping fees and other services and continues to serve as a model of government service. The Port has constructed more than \$45M in projects including nine (9) dock walls, several non-federal dredging projects, facility construction, port security, rail and roadway projects and has secured more than \$25M in State and Federal grants for infrastructure and security infrastructure. The Port has developed a Renard Island Closure Plan that is protective of human health and the environment and has creatively sought \$9.2M in funding and other financing

arrangements that resulted in a 55 acre island available for future recreational opportunities. The Bay Port Dredged Material Rehandling Facility was the first and only non-federal facility in the USA. It was authorized under the Water Resources Development Act 1992, Section 217 granting Brown County and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the ability to enter into a \$27M Project Partnership Agreement in which Brown County established tipping fees for the placement of federal dredged materials for 20 years. With ample local placement locations for dredged material, the Port worked with federal legislators to secure \$12M in additional federal dredging funds to begin returning the navigational channel to the congressional authorized dimensions. The Port initiated strategic planning through creation of three 5-year strategic plans (2000, 2005 and 2010) that serve as guiding documents for the Port to fulfill its mission and vision for Port of Green Bay stakeholders. The Port initiated the first visits of Tall Ships and was the lead agency in hosting the first 2006 Tall Ship Festival drawing 60,000 people and having a \$4M economic impact. The Port also sought grants and other funding sources, conducted research, produced studies, received a Wisconsin legislature lakebed grant and built strategic partnerships over 20 years. All of which culminated into the recent construction of the \$18M Cat Island Chain restoration project that provides 30 years' worth of placement capacity and creates more than 1,400 acres of improved wetland habitat for fish and bird species, while also being significantly under budget and ahead of schedule. Waterborne industries were attracted to enhance the economic development of northeastern Wisconsin, including both KK Logistics and US Venture as terminal operators, resulting in more cargo diversification along with increased tonnage and the Port annual economic impact has increased (65%) to \$83M in the greater Green Bay area. During Neil McKloskey's service, the Port of Green Bay has diversified and increased cargo tonnage, improved infrastructure, secured and/or generated significant revenue through grants and leases, increased federal funding and constructed 30+ years' worth of local placement locations for dredged material.

The resolution then reads, the Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the naming of "West Island," which consists of approximately 74 acres, of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project in honor of Mr. Neil McKloskey as "McKloskey Island."

A suggestion was made to put a sign up and possibly an event when the first dredged material is placed in the island. The resolution will be taken up at the August 20 County Board meeting. The County Executive has requested Neil's attendance at the meeting. The whole Harbor Commission is invited to attend.

A motion to approve the Resolution Honorary Naming of the Westernmost Island of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

8) Cell Tower Sale Offer – Request for Action

American Tower makes lease payments of about \$661.00 per month amounting to around \$8,000 per year for a cell tower on Port property. American Tower has offered to purchase a perpetual easement for access and utilities on the property for \$109,000. The offer amounts to just over 13 years of lease payments. As the offer was a preliminary letter, more details and information on the type of easement sought are needed. Staff will research requested information.

A motion to defer and bring back the Cell Tower Sale Offer next month was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

9) Aluminum Ingot Research – Update

A preliminary study of the movement of aluminum ingot through northeast Wisconsin was conducted by Port staff. The information collected indicated that there may not be a big enough market for the import of aluminum ingots through the Port. A more detailed study of the locations and types of industry using aluminum needs to be conducted.

10) WCPA Annual Meeting August 22, 2014 Green Bay, WI - Update

The Port will be hosting this year's WCPA Annual Meeting on August 21st and August 22nd. A Commercial Ports Master Plan is being developed by CFIRE which will include a stakeholder meeting on August 21st and Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association business meeting on August 22nd. The Friday business meeting will include a presentation by Mark Rahmlow from Congressman Reid Ribble's office who will be addressing the group to talk about the Water Resources Reform Development Act as well as presentations from Leonard & Finco and Mark Walter. The department also reached out to the Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association to invite them to this meeting. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and US Senator Tammy Baldwin are expected to address the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

11) Renard Island – Update

The Friends of Bay Beach has shown interest in leasing the Renard Island property and has offered to hire someone to find out what they could build on the island. The department determined it is in the best interest of the department if the Port conducted its own assessment to find out what could be built on the island. Foth had given the department an engineering cost estimate to identify and evaluate technical and regulatory considerations and constraints associated with development of infrastructure on Renard Island associated with port-closure use activities. Foth was hired and will come back later with their findings.

12) Director's Report – Update

Captain Liel Osell passed away July 14, 2014. He had always been at the Annual Port Symposiums since the beginning.

13) Audit of Bills – Request for Approval

A motion to approve the Bills was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

14) Tonnage Report – Request for Approval

A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

15) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters as authorized by Law.

16) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Craig Dickman, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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